

## **PROBLEMS with SB 66 (any substitute)**

1. A homeschool student establishes eligibility for PUBLIC SCHOOL athletics with an affidavit from his parents. Traditional student must establish eligibility through periodic review of grades AND citizenship by coach and/or school principal. *The playing field should be level.*

2. If a principal doubts a homeschooler's eligibility, homeschooler gets two additional opportunities to become eligible: (1) a UB SCT score (any UB SCT score) or (2) an appeal to a panel of "individuals who have experience in homeschooling" (amended to have one panel member "who shall have experience teaching in a public school). *No similar appeal opportunity for traditional students whose eligibility is in question—the playing field should be level.*

3. The bill includes several unfunded mandates:

- (1) the review panel for homeschoolers—put together and staffed by public school (see lines 153+)
- (2) homeschoolers and UB SCT—UB SCT will be suspended for 2 years (under HB 166)—who will provide this 1<sup>st</sup> appeal opportunity for homeschoolers?
- (3) school principal must review any challenges to homeschooler's eligibility and determine by "probable cause" if homeschooler meets eligibility standards and begin additional appeal process if homeschooler does not.

4. FINAL POINT: Home school students should meet academic eligibility standards consistent with traditional student students—submission and review of student work and tests by school administrators. OR, all students should establish eligibility with affidavit from parent.